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TAGS: PINS, EAIR

SUBJECT: SECOND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF ANTI-HIJACKING
CONTACT GROUP, NEW YORK, MARCH 22, 1978

REF: USUN 843

1. TWENTY COUNTRIES (SAME LIST AS HAD ATTENDED FIRST MEETING ON MARCH 8/9 MINUS BRAZIL, KENYA AND YUGOSLAVIA) ATTENDED MARCH 22 MEETING AT NETHERLANDS MISSION TO UN. NETHERLANDS CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT GHANA HAD JOINED CONTACT GROUP (BUT WAS NOT PRESENT).

2. GROUP FIRST DISCUSSED HOW COUNTRIES SHOULD BE APPROACHED. CHAIRMAN SUMMED UP DISCUSSION, STATING MAJORITY OF STATES SEEMED TO FAVOR, OR AT LEAST NOT EXCLUDE, BILATERAL APPROACHES TO NON-RATIFYING GOVERNMENTS. SOME STATES FAVORED BILATERAL APPROACHES WHICH AT THE SAME TIME WOULD GIVE RECOGNITION TO EXISTENCE OF THE CONTACT GROUP. SOME FAVORED FIRST EXPLORING REASONS FOR NON-RATIFICATION BEFORE FINAL THESE VIEWS WERE INCORPORATED IN REVISED TALKING POINTS, WHICH BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

3. PHILIPPINES ANNOUNCED SINGAPORE WAS RATIFYING THE CONVENTIONS. US SAID PERU HAD JUST RATIFIED ALL
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THREE--TOKYO, THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL. MEXICO EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE BY BILATERAL APPROACHES TO LATIN AMERICANS. US SPOKE IN FAVOR OF FLEXIBLE APPROACH TAILORED TO CIRCUMSTANCES. FRANCE DID NOT WANT TO BE SOLE COUNTRY TO APPROACH ANOTHER STATE AND THIS CONDITION WAS MET BY ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS IN THE CASE OF ALL SEVEN STATES FOR WHICH FRANCE ALONE HAD VOLUNTEERED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP. IVORY COAST IS NOT CONTEMPLATING DEMARCHES WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND INDONESIA HAS INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO JOIN IN ANY FORMAL APPROACHES ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP. (IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION ARGENTINA TOLD U.S. IT CONSIDERED WORK OF GROUP VERY USEFUL.)

4. WHEN THE GROUP WENT OVER LIST OF NON-RATIFYING STATES TO BE APPROACHED THERE WERE NEW VOLUNTEERS AS CONTACTS (SWEDEN, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA) AND TWO WITHDRAWALS (INDONESIA AND IVORY COAST). SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT MARCH 31 MEETING OF GROUP, FOLLOWING IS LIST OF NON-PARTY STATES TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS WITH NAMES OF CONTACT GROUP STATES NOW VOLUNTEERING TO APPROACH THEM: ALGERIA - U.S.,

NETHERLANDS, FRG, CANADA; ANGOLA - ITALY, SWEDEN;
BENIN - --; BOTSWANA - U.K., U.S., SWEDEN;
BURUNDI - BELGIUM; CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE - FRANCE, U.S.;
COMOROS - --; CONGO - FRANCE, ITALY, U.K.;
DJIBOUTI - FRANCE, U.S.; EQUATORIAL GUINEA - --;
ETHIOPIA - U.K., U.S.; GAMBIA - U.K.; GUINEA - ITALY,
FRANCE; LESOTHO - U.K., FRG; LIBERIA - U.S., NETHERLANDS;
LIBYA - U.S., U.K.; MADAGASCAR - FRANCE, FRG;
MAURITANIA - FRANCE, U.S.; MAURITIUS - FRANCE, U.K.;
MOZAMBIQUE - ITALY, SWEDEN; RWANDA - BELGIUM, FRG;
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE - --; SEYCHELLES - U.K.;

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SIERRA LEONE - U.K., FRG; SOMALIA - FRG, U.S.;
SUDAN - NETHERLANDS, U.S., ITALY; SWAZILAND - U.K.;
TOKYO - FRANCE, FRG; TUNISIA - FRANCE, NETHERLANDS,
ITALY, CANADA; UGANDA - --; CAMEROON - FRANCE, FRG,
CANADA; TANZANIA - NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, FRG, SWEDEN,
CANADA; UPPER VOLTA - FRANCE, U.K., NETHERLANDS, CANADA;
ZAMBIA - AUSTRIA, CANADA, FRG; BAHRAIN - U.K., U.S.;
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN - U.K., FRANCE; KUWAIT - U.S., U.K.,
FRANCE; QATAR - U.S., U.K. FRG; SYRIA - FRANCE;
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - U.K., U.S.; YEMEN - U.S., FRG;
BOLIVIA - MEXICO, FRG, ARGENTINA; DOMINICAN REPUBLIC -
U.S., MEXICO; SURINAM - NETHERLANDS, U.S.; VENEZUELA -
U.S., COSTA RICA, FRG, CANADA, ITALY, AUSTRIA;
BAHAMAS - U.K., U.S.; CUBA - CANADA, MEXICO;
EL SALVADOR - COSTA RICA, MEXICO, FRG; GRENADA - U.S.,
U.K.; GUATEMALA - U.S., COSTA RICA, MEXICO; HAITI - U.S.,
FRG, CANADA; HONDURAS - COSTA RICA, MEXICO, FRG;
JAMAICA - U.K., NETHERLANDS, CANADA; ALBANIA - FRANCE,
ITALY; MALTA - U.K., ITALY; AFGHANISTAN - U.S., FRANCE,
FRG; BANGLADESH - JAPAN, FRG, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN,
CANADA; BHUTAN - JAPAN, U.K.; BURMA - JAPAN, NETHERLANDS,
FRG; CHINA - JAPAN, NETHERLANDS; KAMPUCHEA - JAPAN;
INDIA - U.S., JAPAN, U.K., CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS;
LAOS - JAPAN, U.K.; MALAYSIA - U.S., U.K., PHILIPPINES,
AUSTRIA, CANADA; MALDIVES - AUSTRALIA, U.K., NETHERLANDS;
NEPAL - U.S., U.K.; SAMOA - AUSTRALIA, FRG; SRI LANKA -
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